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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action be extended three months from to by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17) is believed to be \$510.00 for a three-month extension for a small entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying check. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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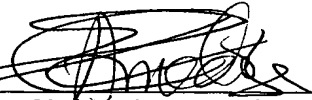
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0622.

Respectfully submitted,

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